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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND LUSAKA PRESS

BERATE BIASED FOREIGN PRESS

1. A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED AS "RACISM OF THE HIGHEST ORDER" THE BIAS IMPLIED IN WESTERN PRESS COMMENTARIES ON THE RECENT SLAYING OF SEVEN MISSIONARIES IN RHODESIA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID ZAMBIA DOES NOT CONDONE THE KILLING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BUT ADDED THAT THERE IS A WAR GOING ON IN RHODESIA AND COMPLAINED THAT THE WESTERN PRESS GAVE LITTLE ATTENTION TO AFRICANS BUTCHERED BY THE SMITH REGIME.

2. THE DAILY MAIL FEB 9 EDITORIAL STRIKES THE SAME NOTE AS MOFA SPOKESMAN, " THE BLACK PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WILL BE FOOLISH TO COUNT ON THE WEST AS MORE KILLINGS OF WHITES TAKE PLACE."

THE HATRED OF THE WHITES BY THE BLACKS HAS

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BEEN FED BY YEARS OF MISTREATMENT UNDER THE SMITH REGIME. THIS HATRED, WHICH IS GROWING IN INTENSITY, WILL LEAD TO MORE ATROCITIES ON BOTH SIDES. THE END RESULT OF THIS CYCLE WILL BE A WAR IN WHICH THE RACES WILL DECIMATE EACH OTHER PURELY ON THE GROUNDS OF COLOR. OVERREACTION OF THE WESTERN PRESS TO THE SLAYING OF WHITES IS BOUND TO SPLIT THE BLACKS AND WHITES FURTHER APART IN AFRICA. EDITORIAL

ASSERTS THAT THE ONLY REASON WHY THE WESTERN PRESS HASN'T
CRIED OUT AGAINST ATROCITIES AGAINST BLACKS IS BECAUSE THE VICTIMS
WERE BLACK. IF THIS TYPE OF OVERRECAUTION IN THE CASE OF WHITE
SLAYINGS IS NOT CORRECTED, THEN WESTERN INSTITUTIONS CANNOT
ESCAPE THE CHARGE OF RACISM. EDITORIAL ENDS WITH ".....THE RACISM
THE WEST HAS DISPLAYED THIS WEEK IS THE TYPE WHICH IS BOUND
TO FORCE THE BLACKS COMPLETELY OUT OF ITS ORBIT WHEN THESE
BLACK COUNTRIES ATTAIN THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE IN THE FUTURE."
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